

## AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0014], as follows:

[0014] With reference to Figs. 3 to 5, an assembly in accordance with the present invention includes a rod and a handle indicated generally at 21 which is defined by a smooth cylindrical sleeve 22 with a flaring front end 23, a slightly bulbous central portion 24 and a flaring rear end 25. A smooth, waisted portions 26 are provided between the central portion 24 and the flaring front and rear ends 23 and 25, respectively. A cowl 27 on the butt end of the handle 21 partially surrounds the reel seat body 2. The cowl 27 forms a generally semi-cylindrical body, and is generally U-shaped when viewed from above (Fig. 4). The top surface of the cowl 27 forms a continuation of the flaring top surface 29 of the rear end 25 of the handle 21, and the side surfaces of the cowl define continuations of the side surfaces of the handle. The cowl 27 includes a convex trailing end 30, convex bottom side edges 32 and a concave shoulder 33 at the rear end 25 of the handle 21. As shown in Fig. 3, when casting, the cowl 27 prevents contact of the hand 18 with the reel seat body 2 if the hand happens to slide back to a position near the reel 3.

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